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Vrakas Appoints Bussler as Chief of Staff

Waukesha, WIS. – County Executive Dan Vrakas announced the appointment of Allison Bussler as his chief of staff effective January 3, 2006.

Vrakas said, “Allison Bussler has an extensive background in public administration and is deeply respected by her peers. I chose Allison for this job because she has a firm handle on the issues that impact county government operations, understands the budget process, and has an excellent working relationship with staff and county board members.”

Bussler, a University of Wisconsin – Madison graduate, worked for the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) prior to being hired by former County Executive Dan Finley in 2003 as his chief of staff. In September, she took maternity leave.

Bussler is on the Waukesha Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors, and resides in Menomonee Falls with her husband Bill and daughter Isabella.

“I first became acquainted with Allison 13 years ago when she worked for the Assembly Sergeant at Arms. Later, we worked together on county issues during her tenure at WCA,” said Vrakas. “In addition to strong communication skills and knowledge of County government, Allison possesses the necessary decision-making skills needed to provide support and direction to a staff of more than 1,500 people. She will be an important asset to my administration as we work to control taxes, provide quality services, and improve operational efficiencies.”

Bussler said, “I am honored that County Executive Dan Vrakas asked me to work for him in this capacity. Waukesha County is an exceptional county, and I look forward to guiding the initiatives set forth by this administration.”

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Bussler will continue to assist the Department of Emergency Preparedness until a replacement can be found for Jim Malueg, the Emergency Management Coordinator, who is set to retire on January 17, 2006. She will earn \$ 75,150 a year in her role as chief of staff.

Vrakas was elected by county residents on Mon., Oct. 18 during a special election. He took oath of office on Mon., Oct. 31 at 4 p.m. During his tenure, he made the largest budget vetoes in the history of Waukesha County government, which totaled \$610,000.

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